

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 22, 2008

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ITEM #3

Minutes



**CHICOPEE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

ACCEPTED 1/13/09

**MEMBERS**

Frederick Krampits, Chairman  
Chuck Swider, Vice-Chairman  
Dino Brunetti  
Ron Belair  
Jean Croteau

**MINUTES**  
**October 22, 2008**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, October 22, 2008 at 6:30 PM at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, City Hall Annex.

**Members Present**

Krampits, Brunetti (Arrived: 6:50PM), Belair

**Members Absent**

Swider, Croteau

**Also Present**

Alderman Zygarowski, Alderman Demers, Alderman Vieau,  
Alderman Tillotson, Dan Garvey (Associate City Solicitor),  
Stanley Kulig (DPW Engineer), Tom Hamel (Chief Operator),

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM.

**ITEM #1**

ORDERED THAT that the west end of a paper street known as Gendreau Street be abandoned to the abutters across from Boylston Street.

Motion made by Alderman Belair and seconded by Alderman Brunetti for preliminary approval contingent on the abutter submitting a plan to be filed at the Registry of Deeds and an independent appraisal.

Motion Accepted

Committee Vote: 4-0 Favorable

**ITEM #2**

ORDERED THAT the Public Works Committee hold a public hearing regarding the Waste Water Department's final long-term control plan to mitigate Combined Sewer Overflows for the next 20 to 30 years and CSO for Meadow Street.

ATTN: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED COPY OF POWER POINT PRESENTATION PRESENTED BY TODD BROWN, P.E. VICE PRESIDENT OF TIGHE & BOND CONSULTING ENGINEERS ENVIROMENTAL SPECIALISTS.

Alderman Tillotson asked specifically what areas would be done

Todd Brown answered that the long term will figure all of that out

Alderman Tillotson stated that the board must know for when residents call and ask questions they can give clear answers for example what year exactly

Stan Kulig stated he will get a plan in order of projects before things are finalized.

Alderman Swider stated to maybe get data together of people who are having issues and have them fill out surveys so that things can get done.

Tom Hamel stated he knows of at least 1,300 residents who have back up issues. He tries to work with high volume areas but it is tough because residents really need to put in their input so he knows what and where things need to be done

Alderman Vieau asked how much wane is given to the priority level because Ward 3 has moved on to different projects because nothing has been going on

Stan Kulig state the city gives different weights to different issues and he is trying to make more local issues more of a priority

Todd Brown stated they are trying to do something about the Willimansett area but hasn't really been given any feed back from the surveys handed out to residents in the neighborhood which is a problem.

#### PUBLIC INPUT:

Pam Austin of 26 Armory Street stated she is the one house on the street and is scared she'll never be taken care of because of that. She has lost so much, has asthma, loves where she lives but her and her children are constantly cleaning the house and getting sick. There are times where she stays up all house of the night cleaning. She has lost so many things ranging from \$80 books, shelves, clothes, furniture, carpets etc. She stated she had to pay a plumber \$3,000.00 2 years ago on her credit card that she is still in the process of paying off because her flapper valve is over 25 years old. There are also times where there is water everywhere, literally. She is a single mother and her children are home schooled, doesn't know how to tell them they can't flush the toilet or run water, she is just plain tired of it.

Shane Duclos of 19 Bonner Street stated he sometimes has 36-40in of raw sewage and water in his basement as well as it coming up threw the toilets and sinks. He has a family and the water bill this month was really bad. The city should be reliable for things like this when it happens. He stated that the sewers are bad now; just imagine what the "long term" will be. Doesn't care as much about the rivers but about the health and importance of the community.

John Cravett of W.Spfld stated people come to the river all the time, even people out of state to visit. \$120 billion come for recreational purposes in the U.S. He stated it is critical to Chicopee to straighten out the river. It is social, moral and ethical to do something for the children of younger generations. In conclusion he stated that the city needs volunteers to keep the river clean near Medina Street and Granby Road etc.

Gerald Fecteau of 42 Woodcrest stated since 1960 he has had at least 4 backups of sewage every year in his home. He stated he is a sewer commissioner and he understands the problems the residents of the city are having but they are trying their best to go as fast as possible

Alderman Vieau asked what the time frame is going to be, as far as the design phase goes, are they any specifics for designs yet

Todd Brown stated there are 2 stubs and they need to design something to connect them but it is not that simple. There may be lots of problems but they are having a surveyor look very soon.

Alderman Vieau asked once completed, will the construction start late next year?

Stan Kulig stated hopefully, yes. Although, that is quite fast

Todd Brown stated that will happen if they are to get funded and once finalized, free to submit everything.

Alderman Vieau stated he would like a cost effective solution and see a draft before it is finalized.

Stan Kulig stated it seems to have home owners vs. regulators/clean basements vs. river. He feels they can do both and will try his best to clean the neighborhoods with the expensive of the fish as well.

Motion made to place report on file fill emergency management position.

Motion Accepted

Committee Vote: 4-0 favorable

**Item #3** Minutes - May 27, 2008

Motion made by Alderman Krampits to accept.

Seconded by Alderman Belair

Motion Passed. 4-0 favorable

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 PM